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SUBJECT: FORMIN BORGONOVO REACTS TO HONDURAN OAS INITIATIVE

REFERENCE: (1) TEGUCIGALPA 1090, (2) TEGUCIGALPA 1097

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1. I TOOK FORMIN BORGONOVO AND UNDER SECRETARY CASTANEDA A COPY OF THE NOTE PRESENTED BY FORMIN BATRES TO THE HEMISPHERE AMBASSADORS, AND TOLD THEM OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS WAS DONE. THE FORMIN WAS QUITE TAKEN ABACK: " WHAT A PITY HE DIDN' T WARN ME BEFOREHAND", HE MUSED; " WE COULD HAVE WORKED SOMETHING OUT". " PERHAPS THIS REFLECTS THINKING HE PICKED UP IN COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA ON HIS RECENT TRIP; FACIO IS VERY OAS ORIENTED." THEN, THINKING FURTHER AS TO HOW IT MIGHT HAVE COME ABOUT, HE CONCLUDED AS FOLLOWS: " I GUESS I AM REALLY TO BLAME. I PUT HIM (BATRES) IN A CORNER BY SAYING TO HONDURAN REPORTER (RUOI OF LA PRENSA) THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT ARBITRATION. THAT PROBABLY STIRRED UP THE HONDURAN MILITARY AND MADE BATRES

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FEEL HE HAD TO ACT. OF COURSE, HERE IN EL SALVADOR IT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT; ANYTHING THE OAS DOES IS POISON. THE ONLY REAL EFFECT MAY BE TO MAKE THE MILITARY ON BOTH SIDES MORE TENSE." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE SUPPOSED SUCH A MOVE REFLECTED HONDURAS WEAKNESS: " WE ARE ANXIOUS FOR NORMALIZATION BUT THEY MUST BE MORE SO."

2. PONDERING HIS STRATEGY, BORGONOVO SAID THAT THE MFM CAN PROBABLY DO LITTLE BEYOND URGING A BILATERAL SETTLEMENT, LEAVING THE PLAYERS BACK WHERE THEY CURRENTLY ARE. HE WILL LIKELY SEE BATRES APRIL 3 AND WILL PERHAPS MEET PRIVATELY WITH HIM TO TRY TO AVOID EXACERBATING THE MATTER.

3. COMMENT. BORGONOVO WAS CLEARLY TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND WAS VAGUELY HURT BY WHAT HE DEEMS UNNECESSARY PUBLIC AIRING OF A PRIVATE DISPUTE. I SYMPATHIZED, COMMENTING THAT IT SEEMED TO BE IN FASHION TO TAKE BILATERAL MATTERS TO MULTILATERAL BODIES, A REMARK WHICH OCCASIONED THE ONLY LAUGH OF A SOMBER VISIT. CATTO

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